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Department of Public Safety / Board of Building Regulations and Standards  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1301  
Boston, MA 02108  
Attn: Robert Anderson

Re: Residential Sprinklers

Dear Board Members,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health requests that as you deliberate on the proposal for requiring residential sprinklers in newly constructed one and two family dwellings, you consider the strong evidence demonstrating that residential sprinklers have been proven to save the lives of both family members and firefighters. Sprinklers respond very quickly reducing heat, flames and smoke from a fire giving families, including small children and elders, time to get out safely.

This proposal is supported by many experts including the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine M. Farrell-O'Reilly".

Christine M. Farrell-O' Reilly, Director  
Residential Fire Injury Prevention Program